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**"AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF A PERSON TO
ASSUME OWNERSHIP OF A MOTOR VEHICLE UPON THE DEATH
OF THE OWNER AND AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF A
PERSON FOR CERTAIN OTHER PURPOSES."**

1 After the last section, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 17. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) Any person who is a party
3 to a contract for the provision of cellular telephone service may
4 designate, in writing, another person eighteen years of age or older to
5 assume the rights and obligations under such contract upon his or her
6 death.

7 Sec. 18. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) (a) (1) For purposes of this
8 section, a "hands-free mobile telephone" means a telephone with
9 speakerphone capability or an attachment, add-on or addition to a
10 mobile telephone or other piece of equipment, whether or not
11 permanently installed in the motor vehicle, that when used allows the
12 operator of a motor vehicle to maintain both hands on the steering

13 device.

14 (2) "Mobile telephone" includes, but is not limited to, cellular,
15 analog, wireless and digital telephones capable of sending or receiving
16 telephone communications without an access line for service.

17 (b) On and after January 1, 2003, no operator of a motor vehicle shall
18 use a mobile telephone while said motor vehicle is in motion on a
19 public highway or private road unless the operator is using a mobile
20 telephone through a hands-free device attached to said mobile
21 telephone or such person is: (1) An operator who is alone and
22 reasonably fears for his or her safety or reasonably believes that a
23 criminal act may be perpetrated against him or her; (2) an operator
24 who is using such telephone to contact an emergency 911 system to
25 report what such operator reasonably believes is an emergency or the
26 commission of a crime or motor vehicle violation; (3) an operator of a
27 school bus with passengers who uses such telephone to call for
28 assistance when the school bus experiences a mechanical breakdown
29 or an emergency arises that endangers the operator or the passengers;
30 or (4) a police officer, peace officer or firefighter or an operator of an
31 ambulance, authorized emergency vehicle, as defined in subdivision
32 (4) of subsection (a) of section 14-1 of the general statutes, bus, school
33 bus without passengers, taxi cab or tow truck who uses such telephone
34 while acting in the performance of his or her duties and within the
35 scope of his or her employment.

36 (c) Nothing contained in this section shall prevent any passenger of
37 a motor vehicle, other than the operator, from using a mobile
38 telephone while the motor vehicle is in motion.

39 (d) Any violation of this section shall constitute an infraction and be
40 punishable by a fine not to exceed seventy-five dollars for each
41 violation. Each such violation shall constitute a separate and distinct
42 violation."